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# STEEL BARONS' THREAT FAILS TO TURN COM

Senate Naval Committee Favors U. S. Armor Plant.

Preparedness Program Scores New Victories Today.

## CALLS MAGNATES ROBBERS

Declare \$200 a Ton Advance if Bill Is Adopted.

Seize Corporation Plants.

mor plate manufacturers notified the nate naval committee today that they would raise the price of arm plate \$200 a ton it congress decides DARING POLITICAL STRATEGY place \$200 a ton if congress decide tories for the government. The com-mittee nevertheless voted to recommend government plants.

After brief consideration the committee ordered favorably reported the bill authorizing expenditure of \$500.for battleship construction and \$100,-00 to enlarge facilities of the New

London, Feb. 8.—Except for continuation of the bombardment along the Franco-Belgian front, there are few reports of activity from the major fields of military operations. Whether the play of Germany, France and British guns on hostile positions is preparatory to important infantry operations or minor purposes, is not apparent. Only in the Caucasus, apparently are Russian armies active. The Petrograd war office reports continued advances there against Turks both north and south of Erzerum, Russian forces having pressed further westward along the Black sea ceast and the northern shores of Lake Van.

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orces in Egypt and that the Earl of
berby is to be the new secretary of

## CONCEDE DRY VICTORY TO SPEED UP APPEAL

Davenport, Ia., Feb. 8,-Daven out a fight. It was said today will then take the matter directly to the supreme court, where it will be fought out on its merits.

# Sunday Laws at Wellesley

Boston, Feb. S.—Wellesley college girls have declared war on a number of rules that govern their conduct on Sundays, and will go before the student government association and fight to have them abolished. The rules are those that prohibit them from having men callers on Sunday afternoons, that close Lake Waban on Sunday and prevent them from skating.

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The girls object to the latter, claiming that when it was adopted, skating and boating were considered Sabbath breaking but to-day they are looked upon as nec-

## AN OMNIBUS BILI

In War Time Government Can Broadside of New Legislation Latest Democratic Coup.

Washington, Feb. 8 .- Private ar- Rep. Gardner Believes Republicans Will Endorse It.

Cut Income Tax, Repeal Stamp Act and Flour Duty.

000 to equip Mare Island navy yard Make Whisky and Cigars Pay Additional 35 Million.

Chicago. Feb. 8.—W. A. Holbert. Pullman porter on a train running out of here. edits the Pullman Porters' for the United States army, missing from the Columbus, Orloobarracks since December last, walked into a recruiting office here today and surrendered himself, stating he had been "absent without loave" from his post. He declared he could remember nothing about leaving Columbus. Since December the lieutenant said he had spent most of his time in Chicago and Kansas City, stopping at the best hotels. He denied he was a deserter.

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St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 8.—Although J. J. Hill owns a couple of railroads several steamship lines, and part instead as high as two dollars a barrel are being made for crude oil here and some contracts were reported closed at that figure today. Activity is great and production is being slow-lives here where sub zero temperatures are common, the family does not own a limousine, traveling in an open automobile.

Start Revolt Warden Must Tell Why He Discharged Employees.

State Civil Service Commission

Would Know.

DIG INTO SO-CALLED REFORM

May Have Been Hit. Complaint Filed by R. W.

Myers of Smith County.

Governor Capper's Pet Measure

Warden J. K. Codding of the state nitentiary is to be called on the carto explain wholesale discharges of aployees in violation of the civil service law. Codding's action has been checked squarely up to the state civil

service commission and an investigation of conditions has been demanded.
Complaint was filed with the commission by R. W. Myers, a former
prison employee.

A recent investigation of the penitentiary pay rolls showed Governor
Capper's pet measure had been cruely
trampled under foot by his reform
prison head. Since the civil service
law became effective—July 1. 1915—
22 of the 89 prison officials and employees had been dropped from the
pay rolls. A score of other persons
had been transferred—many of them
to inferior positions and rank. All of
this action was taken without the consent or approval of the civil service
commission.

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## PROBE OF CODDING Fewer Killings Less Crime in N.Y. Past Year

New York, Peb. 8.—The report of the police department for 1915, made public today, shows that there were 246 murders in New York city, against 257 murders in 1914 and 286 in 1913. The report shows a marked decrease in shoot-ing cases and burgiaries. Four thousand, four hundred and thirty-nine persons were reported missing, the fate of \$29 of whom is still unknown. Arrests were is still unknown. Arrests were 212,452 and 161,121 persons were

At Last Miss Mabel Vernon Stirs Up Real Fight.

Dr. Eva Harding Denounces Her as Traitor to Cause.

## NEW LIGHT ON WILSON VISIT

Inside Story on Incident at Governor Capper's Home.

All," Says Physician.

Kansas club women and suffrage workers were today precipitated into

From Copenhagen came reports of
one of the hottest fights since adopsudden activities at Kiel and of ru-

# **NAVAL BATTLE** WITH BRITISH KAISER'S COUP

Concentrating Sea and Air Forces for Drastic Action.

Long Anticipated Dash Into North Sea at Hand.

## ZEPPELINS WILL AID FLEET

Four Dirigibles and Flock of Taubes Join Force at Base.

Believe Germans Have New Warships and 17-Inch Guns.

London, Feb. 8 .- Rumors that the German fleet is preparing for its long expected dash into the North sea reached here today from Dutch sources and aroused high hopes in London that a great naval battle is imminent in the North sea.

Dispatches from The Hague repor "Just a Political Game—That's gin coast are being withdrawn and that German marines along the Bel sent to Kiel. All leaves of absence of German naval officers have been can celled, the dispatch added.

New Activity at Kiel,

Later today Secretary Lansing will confer with Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador.

BACK TO THE FOLD

Washington, Feb. 8.—A gorgeous purple runabout, uphelstered with vivid lavender plush, has been acquired by Representative Percy Quined b

Still Investigate Telper. Buffalo, Feb. 8.—No report from the grand jury investigating the murder of Mrs. Agnes M. Telper and her son, Frederick Telper, will likely be made before late today. If an indictment be returned against Telper he will be arraigned under that indictment rather than on the formal charge of murder preferred against him by the district attorney. The arraignment is set for tomorrow.

## AMERICA'S MOST FAMOUS INVALID CELEBRATES FIFTIETH YEAR IN BED



Miss Mollie Fancher.

READY FOR BIG S'PRISE

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Farmers Own Autos.

Harrisbury, Pa., Feb. 8.—One of every ten Pennsylvania farmers has an automobile. The total, 22,608, is more than 14 per cent of the total number licensed in the state last year. Tomcats for Lamb Chops is

War Substitute Rome, Feb. 8.—Even the cats of Italy are giving their nine lives for their country. Fat tomcats, sauntering forth to greet their lady loves, risk the fate of being whisked off to grace some humble table do hote.

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The high price of other meats has caused cat flesh to be sold by unscrupulous butchers to inexperienced housewives as young lamb.

# OFFICERS THINK THEY'VE NIPPED **BIG LIQUOR PLOT**

Shawnee County Arrests Alleged Wholesale Dealer.

Max Cohn Nabbed at Chesterfield on Many Counts.

## TAKING ORDERS IN TOPEKA

Marked 85 Bill Was Used to Gather Evidence.

Caught Tearing Up His Orders, Officials Declare.

What county officials claim to be the biggest arrest made in years, in connection with the fight against illegal liquor selling in Kansas, was successfully engineered Monday night at the Chesterfield hotel by Undersheriff Hugh Larimer, when the officer nabbed Max Cohn, alleged traveling representative of Glasner and Bar-gen, a Kansas City wholesale liquor house. Cohn was arrested on a war-rant charging him with selling liquor on 20 counts. Still another complaint is against him in the district court. County officials claim to have evi-dence that enables them to launch hundreds of counts against Cohn if

Railroads Refuse Appeal

Temperature Is Still Six Degrees

Below Normal.

Jefferson City, Feb. 8.—After con-sultation lasting two hours, the repre-sentatives of the main line railroads

Conditions over the state are improving rapidly owing to the sudden warming up of last night. Some apprehension is felt for the safety of the wheat crop, but the farmers are inclined to think that the wheat is not injured. In case of a general thaw there is a probability of high water from the heavy snow and loc that covider the streams are at a standstill now and there is no chance for floods except in case of heavy rainfall.

The temperature today reached the highest point in two weeks when it went up to 25 degrees at 2 o'clock. The snow and ice melted rapidly and the streets were full of slush. Templow normal for this date, the high reading this afternoon being unable to overcome the cold of early morning. The wind shifted to the northwest and biew at the rate of ten miles an hour. Continued cloudy weather with lower temperatures is the outlook for tonight and tomorrow.

Following are hourly temperature reading for today:

7 o'clock 23 12 o'clock 25 5 o'clock 21 10 o'clock 25 10 o'